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Docket No.: GAUCKLER-2

In re Application of:)
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WOLFGANG GAUCKLER et al.) Examiner: Gebreslassie, K. K.
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Appl. No.: 10/697,786) Group Art Unit: 2128
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Filed: October 23, 2003) Confirmation No.: 1142
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR)
AUTOMATIC ASSOCIATION OF DATA)
ELEMENTS IN MODELING OF A)
TECHNICAL SYSTEM)

SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to D) which were cited in the European Search Report Issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding European patent application No. EP 03 02 2930. The references on the first page of the European Search Report were already filed on April 17, 2006.

Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A) USA	US 6 167 380	Kennedy et al.	12-26-2000
B)	Diaz-Cameron et al.: "Organization and Selection of...",	12-10-2000	
C)	Tonarelli P et al.: "Proposal of a Product Model for...",	03-1997	
D) USA	US 6 223 094	Muehleck P. et al.	04-24-2001

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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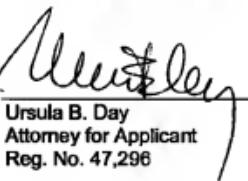
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The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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